

# ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Factories (102 - 104) have host computers (107) for monitoring industrial equipments (106). Each host  
5 computer (107) is connected to a management host computer (108) on a vendor (101) side through the internet (105). The host computer (107) on the factory side detects occurrence of a trouble of the industrial equipment (106) and notifies the vendor side of status  
10 information representing a trouble state. In response to this, the host computer (108) on the vendor side notifies the factory side of response information representing a countermeasure against the trouble state.